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FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM AN UNOFFICIAL, UNEDITED
TRANSCRIPT OF TODAY'S PRESS BRIEFING. IF NECESSARY,
OFFICIAL VERSION WILL FOLLOW.

Q: DOES THE SECRETARY OF STATE PLAN TO GO TO AFRICA FOR
AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA BEFORE THE SUMMIT?

A: I HAVE NO PLANS TO OFFER YOU FOR SUCH A TRIP. AN ALL-
PARTIES CONFERENCE CONTINUES TO BE OUR GOAL AS A METHOD
OF BEGINNING TO RESOLVE THAT RHODESIAN SITUATION, BUT I
HAVE NOTHING TO OFFER YOU NOW.

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Q: IS THERE ANY LIKELIHOOD THAT HE WOULD GO? HAS AN ALL-
PARTIES CONFERENCE BEEN RULED OUT BEFORE THE MIDDLE EAST
SUMMIT?

A: NO, I COULDN'T SAY THAT IT HAS BEEN RULED OUT. ON THE
OTHER HAND, I DO NOT WANT TO ENGENDER A WAVE OF SPECULATION
THAT SOMETHING IS ON THE VERGE OF HAPPENING HERE. IF
THERE ARE SUCH PLANS, WE WILL ANNOUNCE THEM THE MOMENT WE
ARE ABLE TO.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THE PROSPECTS FOR AN ALL-
PARTIES CONFERENCE, WHETHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE SUMMIT?

A: AMBASSADOR LOW AND MR. GRAHAM CONTINUE THEIR CONTACTS
WITH THE PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE. AS WE HAVE SAID, ONE
OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS IS TO WORK OUT AN
AGENDA FOR A MEETING. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT SUCH A MEETING
CAN BE ARRANGED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. BUT AS TO WHEN THAT
MIGHT TAKE PLACE, OR IF IT MIGHT TAKE PLACE AT ALL, I'M
IN NO POSITION TO BE OF HELP TO YOU TODAY.

Q: DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT FEEL THAT IT WAS HELPFUL

FOR THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES TO CONTRIBUTE \$85,000
TO MR. MUGABE'S TERRORISTS?

A: I HAVE NOTHING ON THAT. I SUGGEST YOU ASK THE WORLD
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

Q: THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS JUST NO COMMENT AT ALL ON
THAT, RIGHT?

A: I HAVE NOTHING ON THAT AT ALL FOR NOW. CHRISTOPHER

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